

REMARKS

Claims 28 and 30-35 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but were found to be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. These claims have been amended accordingly, while other claims have been amended to depend from these claims. All remaining claims have been canceled. Accordingly, the only claims remaining in the application include subject matter, either directly or through parent claims, which has been found to render the claims allowable.

Rather than amend claim 28 to incorporate the limitations of its parent claims 24 and 26, claim 24 has been amended to incorporate the limitations of its dependent claims 26 and 28. Claims 30, 34 and 35 have been rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of their base claim 24. Claims 31-33 depend (directly or indirectly) from claim 30, and accordingly have not been amended.

The following claims have been amended to depend from allowable claim 24: 25, 27, 29 and 37-40. Since claim 24 includes limitations which have been found to render it allowable, these other claims should also be allowable. Similarly, the following claims have been amended to depend from allowable claims 30, 34 and 35:

Claim 30

41-44, 59, 60.

Claim 34

45-46, 48-49, 51, 53-55.


Claim 35

56-58.

Applicants do not concede a lack of patentability for the claims in their form prior to this amendment, and reserve the right to file a continuation application.

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